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55. (New) The assembly of claim 52, wherein the interventional device is disposed at a distal end of a second elongated catheter shaft contracted to be inserted through a working channel of the endoscope.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to claim priority to application serial no. 08/679,425, which is allowed, and to cancel claims 1-35. Applicants hereby add claims 52-55. The claims are fully supported at least at page 7, line 26, to page 8, line 24, and FIGS. 11 and 12. The abstract is hereby amended to conform to 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). No new matter is being introduced thereby. Claims 36-55 are currently pending and presented for examination.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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